TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIRD COUNCIL.

FIRST SESSION, 1103.

(OFFICIAL REPORT).

Friday the 17th August 1928/2nd Chingam 1104.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven-forty of the Clock, the President presiding.

All the members except Messrs. L. A. Lampard, N. R. Krishnan and Tamarapallil Kochutomman were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Minor Irrigation Works in the Neyyattinkara Taluk.

123. **MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Neyyattinkara*): In regard to the minor irrigation works in the Neyyattinkara taluk, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of irrigation tanks in the Neyyattinkara taluk selected for restoration;

(*b*) the number actually restored till now (3rd Karkatakam 1103);

(*c*) the approximate length of time required for the restoration of the rest;

(*d*) the amount of original grant sanctioned for minor irrigation works in Neyyattinkara for the years 1102 and 1103, respectively, and the amount spent for the purpose during the year 1102 and till Mithunam 1103;

(*e*) whether they will consider the advisability of increasing the grant in 1104;

(*f*) the number of Irrigation Section Officers in the Neyyattinkara taluk detailed for investigation and execution of minor irrigation works;

(*g*) whether they have found that staff sufficient to cope with the volume of work in the Neyyattinkara taluk; and

(*h*) whether they will consider the advisability of appointing more Section Officers for Neyyattinkara and forming a separate Sub-Division under the charge of an Assistant Engineer for the quick execution of irrigation works in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The number of tanks selected by the Irrigation Committee is 139.

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[Mr. T. P. Ramasubba Aiyar.]

(*b*) 16 tanks have been completely restored and 11 tanks are being completed.

(*c*) The time required for the restoration of the rest depends upon the amount to be allotted and the staff available.

(*d*)

Year.	*Grant.* Rs.	*Expenditure.* Rs.
1102	21,450	11,616
1103	17,725	13,857 to the end of 11/1103.

(*e*) An amount of Rs. 10,750 has been provided in the Budget for 1104 having in view the requirements of other taluks also.

(*f*) There is only one Irrigation Section Officer for the investigation and execution of minor irrigation works. But the Section Officer in charge of roads and buildings, Neyyattinkara, is also attending to the work of a few tanks.

(*g*) The present staff is enough to cope with the present allotment.

(*h*) In view of the answer to part (*g*), this does not arise.

Representation of Latin Catholics in the Public Service.

124. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Latin Catholics, particularly those of South Travancore, are poorly represented in the public service of the State ; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will take steps to redress their grievances ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) Statistics are not available at present showing the representation of Latin Catholics, particularly those of South Travancore, in the public service.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*) : Will the member be pleased to state the total number of Latin Christians in Travancore ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the figures. The Census Report will furnish the information.

Registry of Tank-beds.

125. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of cases pending on the file of each of the several Division and Taluk Cutcherries throughout the State regarding the registry of tank-beds ; and

(*b*) whether they will consider the desirability of issuing immediate instructions prohibiting further registry of tank-beds to private persons ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The number of cases pending on the file of the Dewan Peishkar, Trivandrum, is 18. No case is pending on the file of the other Divisions.

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